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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending firm in all areas. Offerings of all sizes are light to limited and continue to move well. Pre-holiday demand is moderate to good as last minute preparations are being made for the long Memorial Day weekend. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good for late week business. Prices are steady to firm for all parts except legs and leg meat which are about steady. Offerings of breast cuts are balanced to tight with premiums reported, wings are in good supply, and dark meat is light to moderate. Market activity for parts is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

## GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

The quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **108.00** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
814	101.85-112.76	109.02

Confirmed PRELIMINARY weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
Line Run Tenders	238.50	1,672
Breasts - B/S	217.00	6,833
Breasts - Whole	130.00	1,174
Thigh Meat - B/S	144.50	1,405
Thighs	76.50	1,218
Drumsticks	67.00	1,864
Leg Quarters	55.00	7,909
Wings	132.50	3,541

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER - COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE				
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	
<b>This Week:</b>	120.62	↑ 3.90	12,528	
<b>Last Week:</b>	116.72		11,720	
<b>Last Year:</b>	113.53	↑ 7.09	10,382	
Monthly Composite Weighted Average				
<b>Apr</b>	110.11		57,591	

## NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER

EASTERN REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	101.00 - 144.00	119.00 - 126.00	123.01	↑ 3.99	5,499	119.02	5,208
WOGS:	103.00 - 141.00	122.00 - 126.00	124.94	↑ 4.71	1,275	120.23	1,274
NEW YORK		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	103.00 - 127.00	122.00 - 126.00	123.15	↑ 3.84	1,434	119.30	1,370
CENTRAL REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	104.00 - 131.25	112.00 - 119.00	115.89	↑ 2.90	4,496	113.00	4,201
WOGS:	104.00 - 124.50	112.00 - 117.00	114.71	↑ 3.37	3,761	111.35	3,361
CHICAGO		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	106.00 - 131.25	112.00 - 119.00	117.02	↑ 3.37	2,300	113.64	2,365
WESTERN REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	105.00 - 147.00	119.00 - 125.00	123.82	↑ 5.53	2,533	118.29	2,311
WOGS:	114.00 - 132.00	119.00 - 124.00	123.04	↑ 5.56	2,275	117.49	2,095
LOS ANGELES		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	114.00 - 138.00	119.00 - 125.00	122.90	↑ 4.98	1,823	117.92	1,746

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

Negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot quantities of ready-to-cook whole body broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers; prices in cents per pound; volume in thousands of pounds.

**Eastern Region:** AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,MS,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV. **Central Region:** AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,KY,LA,MI,MN,MO,NE,NM,OK,OH,SD,TX,WI. **Western Region:** AZ,CA,ID,MT,NV,OR,UT,WA,WY.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.  
May 22, 2014

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	294	171.00-210.00	-	184.61
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	211	44.00-49.00	47-48	47.53
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	236	46.00-51.00	50-51	50.03
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for May 22, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
72.00 - 77.50	74.91

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WEEKLY		POUNDS (000)	WTD AVG
			WTD AVG	WTD AVG		
288	173.00-214.00	-	189.91	1,453	184.37	
123	205.00-240.00	-	227.98	515	225.42	
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			487	112.83	
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			360	101.92	
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			585	59.18	
212	45.00-50.00	48-49	48.16	1,010	47.54	
237	46.00-51.00	50-51	50.51	1,184	50.06	
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			492	103.58	
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			512	116.24	
129	48.00-54.00	51-53	51.24	654	51.05	
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			233	61.95	
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			390	130.67	

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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading May 23, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
73.00 - 79.00	75.73	74.74

**NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS** Prices are trending firm to higher for boneless skinless breast and wings; firm for bone-in breast, thigh meat and leg quarters. Other dark meat items are steady to firm. Trucklot buying activity is good as dealers assumed product for the long holiday weekend. Offerings of breast cuts are no more than adequate to tight; leg quarters and thigh meat were in better balance. Wings are clearing well and other dark meat items are light to moderate. Movement is moderate to active.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND  
May 22, 2014

ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	215-220	191.85	810,080
TENDERLOINS	235-240	238.42	184,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	120-121	128.67	64,664
BREAST - LINE RUN	120	122.44	99,220
LEGS	66-67	70.82	97,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	48.53	485,951
DRUMSTICKS	60-61	65.13	94,240
THIGHS	72-73	84.72	57,040
B/S THIGHS	133-134	137.74	122,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	134-135	138.13	318,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	7,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	56.41	8,370
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.76	17,040

CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
215-220	192.34	762,530	189.63	3,908,710
235-240	235.98	199,280	236.06	915,480
120-121	129.02	68,658	130.37	311,103
120	123.61	90,160	122.13	666,452
66-67	69.22	96,360	68.56	621,340
48-49	50.61	198,840	49.28	1,866,145
60-61	61.53	107,020	64.19	583,640
72-73	84.66	44,000	81.86	267,220
133-134	137.98	66,400	137.01	464,360
135-136	139.10	221,840	136.79	1,277,680
16-18	18.00	5,000	18.00	29,000
55-60	56.93	9,990	56.77	36,190
75-80	80.00	18,240	79.39	109,160

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\*TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M. \*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES & BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS**

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WT
	05/23	05/22	05/21	05/20	05/21	05/20	05/16	05/14
Alabama	3,895	3,617	3,516	3,573	6.04	5.90	3,903	5.94
Arkansas	3,850	4,338	4,646	4,722	5.82	5.84	4,351	5.72
Delmarva	3,152	2,230	2,220	2,244	6.05	6.17	2,682	6.13
Ky-LA-TN	2,724	2,494	2,294	2,534	5.14	5.17	2,705	5.22
Mississippi	2,687	2,775	2,544	2,787	6.44	6.31	2,627	6.07
North Carolina	3,868	2,908	2,850	2,896	7.83	7.80	2,836	7.67
Texas	2,766	2,378	2,165	2,258	6.31	6.34	2,245	6.45
Total	22,942	20,740	20,235	21,014	6.22	6.19	21,349	6.14
Mon-Friday	106,975 (A)				102,637 (A)			
Saturday	3,023 (included in total for date shown)				2,104			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-May-14 and 24-May-14 is estimated to be 34,324,000 head up 7.14 percent from a week ago and up 3.22 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,036,000, last year 33,254,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 24-May-14 is estimated to be 158,033,000 head up 2.49 percent from a week ago, and down 0.45 percent from a year ago. (Last week 154,200,000, last year 158,753,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET**

**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending steady. Supplies are moderate to heavy for the mostly light to moderate demand. Processing schedules increased slightly. Finished product supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Retail feature activity is very light with the majority of the interest being in the South Central region.

**Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg**

Prices in cents per pound. 11.0- 22.5 14.13

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

Southeast Region = AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, AND VA.

**LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL**

Prices are trending no better than steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are moderate to heavy for current needs. Processing schedules increased slightly. Movement of finished product sales is moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs continues unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.) Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV; North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

Week ending 17-May-14

	Thousands				Total
	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	
Head	44,621	48,448	33,636	27,495	154,200
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.36	6.75	8.72	5.80
% of total /1	29%	31%	22%	18%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	38,686	57,692	27,165	32,923	156,466
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.41	6.77	8.67	5.91
% of total /1	25%	37%	17%	21%	100%
Year Ago 2/	40,896	54,469	28,979	32,608	156,952
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.42	6.58	8.57	5.85
% of total /1	26%	35%	18%	21%	100%
To date/2014*	809,276	1,067,101	569,337	582,278	3,027,990
To date/2013*	793,998	1,101,643	607,930	550,026	3,053,597
% Change YTD	2%	-3%	-6%	6%	-1%

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding. 2/ Comparable week.

\*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens. (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms. (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

**WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) Week ending 17-May-14

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	Thousands				
Head	154,200	1,781	1,589	3,370	428
Avg Wt	5.80	3.24	8.28	5.62	6.82
Last week	156,466	1,740	1,506	3,246	410
Same wk yr ago	156,952	1,735	1,473	3,208	430
Avg Wt	5.85	3.23	7.74	5.30	6.88
To-date/2014*	3,027,990	30,820	29,414	60,234	8,763
To-date/2013*	3,053,597	32,893	28,006	60,899	8,074
% Change YTD	-1%	-6%	5%	-1%	9%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	679,714	3,174	9,012	12,186	2,072
Last week	702,783	2,871	8,449	11,320	2,049
Same wk yr ago	697,809	3,026	7,753	10,779	2,100
To-date/2014*	13,407,541	53,170	164,865	218,035	41,727
To-date/2013*	13,493,182	56,291	148,413	204,704	38,993
% Change YTD	-1%	-6%	11%	7%	7%

Dressing % 76.0% 55.0% 68.5% 71.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.1 million head, or 0.7 million more than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update. \*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

**EST. U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
4/12	156.6	154.1	102%	5.91
4/19	148.5	153.0	97%	5.87
4/26	154.1	152.0	101%	5.93
5/3	156.1	153.8	101%	5.63
5/10	158.4	154.1	103%	5.91
5/17	156.1	155.4	100%	5.80
Year to date	3065.0	3057.9	100%	
5/24		155.9		
5/31		156.3		

\*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	05/24/14	05/17/14	% chg	05/25/13	% chg
Broilers	158,033	154,200 <sup>1</sup>	+2.49	158,753 <sup>1</sup>	-0.45
Cattle	599	591	+01	653 <sup>2</sup>	-08
Hogs	1,973	1,999	-01	2,072 <sup>2</sup>	-05

<sup>1</sup> Actual data incorporated when available.

<sup>2</sup> Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

**EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY**

For delivery the week of May 19, 2014

**DUCKLINGS:**

Prices Negotiated By First Receivers, US Grade A, 4-5 Lbs., Delivered In Trucklot & Pool Trucklot Quantities, Cents/Lb.

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	226-230	231-237
MIDWEST	197-212	202-218

**ROASTERS:**

Prices Negotiated By First Receivers, US Grade A & Plant Grade, 5 Lbs. & Up, Delivered, Cents/Lb.

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12/BOX)	81.00-112.25 85.00-99.0
VACUUM PACKED (6-9/BOX)	85.00-115.00 89.00-101.00

**SQUABS:**

NY Area Wholesale Prices, Frozen, Plant Grade, Dollars/Dozen, 1-10 Boxes

11 oz.	93.96- 112.59
13 oz.	102.87- 129.60
15 oz.	111.78- 137.70

Eastern Region: CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices are steady. Demand is generally moderate. Supplies are light to moderate with the lighter weights continuing to be in the tightest position. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is moderate. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breast at \$5.98-8.80, bone-in legs at \$3.55-4.00, gizzards at \$1.75- 2.25, wings at \$.80-1.00, livers at \$1.40-2.05, and feet \$1.00-1.45 cents per lb.

Prices negotiated by first receivers for us grade a delivered in trucklot & pool trucklot quantities, 4-5 lbs., cents/lb. Week of May 19, 2014

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST & OTHERS	189-219	194-224

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION**

\*\*\*All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry\*\*\*

Date of Auction: May 20, 2014 Prices Paid Per Lb., Except As Noted

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	2.75 - 3.00 lbs.
Cockatiels	- 62.00 ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS	- 1.05 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.80 - 1.00 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.50 - .85 lbs.
Leghorn Roosters	- 5.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	1.10 - 1.20 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.80 - 2.00 lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.90 - 1.10 lbs.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 5.00 ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 - 4.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	2.50 - 7.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	- 2.00 lbs.
Kid Goats	55.00 - 75.00 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	1.40 - 1.60 lbs.
Pigeons	5.50 - 6.10 ea.
White Pigeons	6.50 - 7.00 ea.
Chukars	4.75 - 5.25 ea.
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.90 - 2.20 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.20 - 2.85 lbs.
Bunnies	4.00 - 8.00 ea.
Silkies	4.00 - 5.00 ea.
Goats	120.00 - 140.00 ea.
Guinea Keets	- 2.20 ea.
Chicks	.40 - 1.50 ea.
Parakeets	4.00 - 8.00 ea.
Broilers	.75 - .90 lbs.
Peacocks	120.00 - 150.00 ea.
Ducklings	1.25 - 1.75 ea.
Canaries	- 30.00 ea.
Pheasants	7.00 - 9.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	1.80 - 2.50 ea.
Laying Pullets	5.00 - 6.00 ea.
Fancy Bantams	8.00 - 11.00 ea.
Fancy Pigeons	8.00 - 12.00 ea.
Diamond Doves	10.00 - 12.00 ea.
Parrots	- 340.00 ea.
Turkey Poults	3.25 - 3.75 ea.
Goslings	8.00 - 14.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	10.00 - 11.50 ea.
Total Coops Sold	5335